

Att to EGMA 56414, 15 Sept 61

5. I then asked if UPHILL had ever caught WIEHODIL in a lie. GRIESEN went to great lengths to point out that to date UPHILL had never caught him in a lie. I then asked if UPHILL had been able to check out most of what he had reported. At this point GRIESEN admitted that although they had never caught BANAK in a lie, the reason for this was that they had been almost totally unable to check out any of the material he had provided.

6. I then asked if this was due to the fact that BANAK was a double agent. GRIESEN then took some issue with me and stated that he had personally listened to a meeting at which BANAK had whipped off answers to questions as fast as they were asked, something a d/a could not do. Further, BANAK had once reported some information to the West Berlin police against UPHILL instructions, had gotten exempt at it, and had been subjected to a rather unpleasant session with his UPHILL handler as a result. During this meeting, he was anything but self-assured, and had hedged and hemmed and barked as if he didn't know how to conduct himself. This, in GRIESEN's opinion, is the manner in which too many d/a's under hostile control react. Since this contrasted with his deportment under normal circumstances, GRIESEN extended his reasoning to indicate that the meeting after his disclosures to the police was the only occasion to date at which BANAK found himself in the position of being uncertain of what and how much he should say. By the same reasoning, if he were a d/a, such conduct might be expected at every meeting.

7. During the discussion, GRIESEN stated that BANAK is currently employed by the East German Aut Four Schiff und Seefahrtswesen, about which he furnished his first and most "exciting" report. He had not previously known where BANAK was employed. BANAK is being handled by GRIESEN's "Kontinent" (see WIEHODIL, below).

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